

Remark

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended. Claims 8-25 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 26-44 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Liao

The Examiner has rejected claims 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Liao, U.S. Patent No. 6,056,591 (“Liao”). Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 27, which has been indicated as allowable. Claim 28 depends from allowable Claim 26 and is allowable on those grounds, among others. Claim 27 has been amended to incorporate limitations taken from Claim 35 and is believed to present no new issues.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

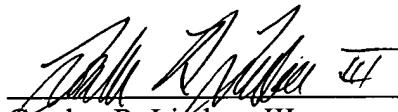
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,
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